

*The community impact model. A livable, healthy, economically and environmentally thriving community.*

## COMPONENTS OF A PARKS & COMMUNITY DISTRICT

**Parks and schools operate as one system.** Schools, parks and community fields operations managed as one system for an economy of scale. New resources build green infrastructure. When regionalized, this will facilitate large sports tournaments and events that fuel the local economy.

**New resources open existing community facilities.** Support for existing services in regional facilities [school pools, public plazas, school buildings etc.] would allow them to be open for more public use, recreation, gardens and community programs.

**Enrichment, culture & recreation funded by “grants”** from the district that *focus on* operations and administration. This leverages private donations for services, enhances economic development and supports eco-tourism, environmental education, recreation, sports and volunteerism. By funding what currently exists we sustain what works now in business, non-profit and faith agencies and increases opportunities to grow services.

*These investments result in..*

**Health & wellness: Direct access to trails, parks and green spaces.** Children and adults are less likely to have weight problems, a precursor to diabetes and heart disease. Drug, alcohol and gang prevention are supported by outdoor activities for teens. Community gardens, play areas for children and healing gardens are components of “age friendly” livability.

**Economic prosperity: Integrated services.** Marketing the “smart” community provides development incentives by having a safe and livable future focus. Housing and business development is enhanced by green amenities. By embracing our diversity, we foster prosperity and increase our cultural capacity.

**Protecting our way of life: Wise use of resources for future generations.** Managing, developing and using green infrastructure with local control. Building environmental protections that support clean air & water.

